

REMARKS

Claims 40 and 44-79 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 40, 44-48, 53-56 and 58-68 are amended. New claim 79 is added. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for these amendments can be found at least in Figs. 16-18 of the Application. Claim 41 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 70-78 are provisionally withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected group of claims. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate that the Office Action indicates that claims 54, 56 and 59-66 contain allowable subject matter. However, for at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully assert that all claims contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 40-69 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that support for these claims can be found at least in paragraph [0122] and Fig. 7 of the published application. Specifically, paragraph [0122] refers to a separate test/reset button SW2 on the alarm itself. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection.

The Office Action rejects claims 40-53, 55, 57, 58 and 67-69 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/21047 to Rutter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that Rutter teaches or would have suggested all the features recited in independent claim 40. However, Rutter does not teach or suggest an alarm including at least a "first electrical connection means connectable to one of an external live power cable of a main circuit and a live side of a switch for a lighting circuit for supplying external power to said alarm circuit; second electrical connection means for connections of

said live side of said switch for the lighting circuit; a circuit means connecting said electrical means to said alarm circuit for supplying said external power to said alarm circuit," as recited in claim 40.

Rutter teaches an electrical connection means 66 in the form a power supply lines connecting the power from the light socket to the light bolt only when the light is switched on the power is supplied to the light socket. However, when the light is switched off, power is supplied to the circuitry of Rutter by a battery 24 which is recharged when the light is switched on.

Additionally, there is no requirement for a connection to the live side of a switch in the alarm of Rutter because the alarm is self-contained and intended to be easily mountable and demountable in the light socket. Thus, providing a connection to the live side of a light switch would be counterproductive requiring the alarm of Rutter to be redesigned.

Furthermore, the alarm of Rutter can only be used in a switched live lighting circuit and cannot be used in conjunction with a permanently power supply. Therefore, Rutter does not teach or suggest "first electrical connection means connectable to one of an external live power cable of a main circuit and a live side of a switch for a lighting circuit for supplying external power to said alarm circuit; second electrical connection means for connections of said live side of said switch for the lighting circuit; a circuit means connecting said electrical means to said alarm circuit for supplying said external power to said alarm circuit," as recited in claim 40.

For at least the reasons above, Rutter cannot reasonably be considered to teach or to have suggested the combinations of all of the features recited in at least claim 40. Further, claims 42-69 and 79 would also not have been suggested by the applied references for at least the respective dependency of these claims on allowable independent claim 40, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 40-53, 55, 57, 58 and 67-69 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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